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August – September 2020

VFW POST 7397

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

First of all, I would like to congratulate the post on earning 100% Membership honors for the 2019-2020 year. This makes 4 consecutive years at 100% or above. Thank you to all for what you do as this was a team win. Also, congratulations to our new VFW National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch II and Auxiliary National President Sandi Onstwedder along with the rest of the leadership as we look forward to another exciting and productive year.

It certainly has been an interesting and different year with everything going on in our nation. We have continued our mission which is to take care of our veterans and families. Even locally at the post we have adapted to the changes. We resumed our steak nights in May but with a twist. The curbside delivery option has been a success and we will continue with it until we can reopen fully with no restrictions.

July kicks off our new membership year, so we are offering an "Early Bird Special" for our VFW Comrades that have an annual subscription. Until Aug 31st, all annual dues for renewals and new members will be \$30. For those that renew, this will add a year to your current expiration date, even if it's not till next June. Take advantage of this option and get renewed for another year. We even have a Venmo option to pay your dues by sending to @VFW7397. For those that want to upgrade to Life Membership, you can pay a lump sum or there is an installment plan.

As summer starts to wind down, it's back to school time. This year's Voice of Democracy theme is "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?" and the Patriot's Pen theme is "What is Patriotism to Me?". Please help push these 2 programs along with Teacher of the Year for Elementary, Middle, and High School. The program information is under Programs & Newsletters on vfw7397.org. All of these entries are due to the post by Oct 31st.

Please continue to submit Veterans and Community Service reports to our Junior Vice at jvice@vfw7397.org.

Save the date – KS VFW Department Mid-Summer Meeting and School of Instruction will be on August 7-8 in Russell, KS. If you are interested in attending, get in touch with one of the Post Officers and we can get you details

Save the date – District 2 Mid-Summer and School of Instruction will be on September 12th at 1000 hrs. at VFW Post 1980 in Emporia.

As always, if there is anything, we can do for you, let us know.

Yours in Comradeship,
Jason Parkes
VFW Post 7397 – Commander
334-614-6693 j.parkes@comcast.net



Just in case you missed the new officers, here they are again.

Sr. Vice Commander
Rick McKenna



Jr. Vice Commander
Dave DeWitt



Quartermaster
Bob Moyer



Chaplain
John Linstra



Surgeon
Jeff Laurendeau



JAG
Bruce Fischbach



Adjutant
Bob Teetsel



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Corey Hunt



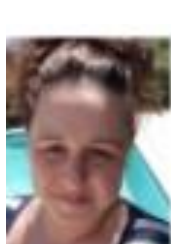
2 Yr. Trustee
Jeff Winters



1 Yr. Trustee
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Bridget Shannon



2 Yr. House Committee
Ralph Schneider



1 Yr. House Committee
Fred Churchill



Service Officer
Mike Petersen





VOICE OF DEMOCRACY



2020-2021 Theme

"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$30,000 Award

What Is The Voice of Democracy Program?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 57,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, **Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?**

Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level.

The Rules

Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) essay on an audio CD or a flash drive. One student per CD or flash drive. When burning your CD, make sure that "Create Audio CD" option (or similar) is selected so the program can properly convert your sound file and burn it to CD. After it has finished, be sure to play back your audio CD on a system other than your computer, such as a standard radio or car CD player, to verify that the conversion/burning process was successful. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or local VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. You may enter only one competition at one Post (if otherwise eligible) per year. At any time during the contest, additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, including but not limited to a photograph, SSN or biographical information.

2020-21 Official Entry Form Voice of Democracy Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

Age

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian
(required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's Email

I Have Read and Understand the D.C. National Finals Rules
(On Opposite Side)

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible.

I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

2020 - 2021 Theme

"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020

Official Rules for Students Advancing to National Level

In the event my audio essay is selected for entry into the National Voice of Democracy Competition, I do hereby for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the several departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the VFW Voice of Democracy Competition and/or arising out of my travel to and during the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my tape, essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post level Voice of Democracy Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____
VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature (if applicable) _____
Post Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
VFW Post Email _____
No. of students participating _____
No. of winners advanced to District _____
Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards (\$) _____
Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) (\$) _____

To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist. # _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
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Phone _____ Email _____

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Voice of Democracy Department Competition, is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairman's Signature _____
() _____
Daytime Phone _____ Email _____
The winner ☐ has been ☐ will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on _____

Where Do I Submit My Entry?

All entries begin at the local VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This VFW Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence. Entries sent to VFW National will be returned. One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, follow these instructions: First, visit this website vfw.org/FindaPost to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in. If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link vfw.org/ContactUs and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and email. If you still need assistance, please email us at VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org

What Is the Deadline for My Entry?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31, 2020. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

What Are the Judging Criteria?

Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.



For assistance contact:
816.756.3390 ext. 6155
Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org
vfw.org

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LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION:

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

PATRIOT'S PEN



2020 - 2021 Theme "What is Patriotism to Me?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020

Patriotic Essay Writing Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

What Is Patriot's Pen?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 138,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The national winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

Big National Prizes

National awards total: \$45,000

Prizes include the various amounts listed below:

1st: \$4,000	7th: \$1,750
2nd: \$4,000	8-10th: \$1,500
3rd: \$3,500	11-12th: \$1,350
4th: \$2,750	13-25th: \$1,000
5th: \$2,500	26-29th: \$750
6th: \$2,000	30-53rd: \$500

The Internal Revenue Service requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$599 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

How Does the Contest Work?

All entries begin at the Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This participating Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by local VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The one first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition. The winner from each Department (state) then competes for the national prizes.

Who Can Enter?

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate, too. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.)

Official Student Entry Form Patriot's Pen Competition

Entry Form Must Be Completed by All Contestants Please Print or Type Clearly

Name: First, M.I., Last			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
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Phone		Email	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Gender	Grade in School	Essay Word Count
School Name, City, State			
Teacher's Name and Email (if applicable)			
Parent/Guardian's Name Phone/Email			

I Have Read and Understand the Contest Rules

Signature of Student Participant Date

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Patriot's Pen Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature	Post #
VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature	
Post Address	City, State, Zip
VFW Post Email	
No. of students participation	No. of winners advanced to District
Amt. of Post/Aux. awards \$	
Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$	

To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department level.

District Chairman's Signature	Dist. #
Address	
City, State, Zip	
()	Email
Phone	Email

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Department Competition, and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairman's Signature	
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Daytime Phone	
Email	
The winner of this essay contest will be (please enc.) notified that they are the first place Department winner on _____. Note: National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to notify them of their national placement.	

PATRIOT'S PEN

2020 - 2021 Theme "What is Patriotism to Me?" Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020

How Do I Get Started?

- Ask a teacher or youth group/club adult leader to supervise the Patriot's Pen writing competition.
- Contact a local VFW Post within your local area within your state and indicate your interest in participating.
- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of Oct. 31, 2020. You can submit your essay and entry form electronically (by email) upon the Post's approval. Entries sent to VFW National directly will be returned.

How Am I Judged?

You will be judged on how well you understand, develop and present the theme. A positive approach is recommended to express your viewpoint.

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points:

You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points:

Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points:

Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

What Is the Theme?

VFW's Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year's theme. The 2020-21 theme is **What is Patriotism to Me?**

What Are the Rules?

- **Essay length:** 300-400 typewritten words (+ or - 5 words max).
 - **You must write your own essay.**
 - **All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics** and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. (Essays under or over these word amounts will be eliminated.) Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count.
- At any time during the contest additional participant personal information (i.e. SSN, photo, etc.) could be requested by the VFW.

In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.) Do not put your name on your essay. The entry form is your essay's cover sheet. Secure the

Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay. Contestants are allowed to enter only once each year if otherwise eligible (one Post competition). Contestants found in violation of this rule will face elimination from the competition and will be required to return any and all prize money awarded or received.

The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. The approach to the Patriot's Pen theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if **plainly identified whenever used. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's.** Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally. All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW retains non-exclusive rights to use your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

Deadline Information

To qualify, all entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight October 31, 2020.

Note:

If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, follow these instructions:

First, visit vfw.org/FindaPost to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in.

If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) headquarters office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit vfw.org/contactus and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and email.

If you need assistance, please email us at the VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org.



For assistance contact:

816.756.3390 ext. 6155
youthscholarships@vfw.org
vfw.org

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LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION:

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ **BEST TIME TO CALL:** _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ **BEST TIME TO CALL:** _____

VFW Teacher Nomination Form

Please photocopy or cut out and attach to nomination essay.

Nominated Teacher

Name: _____

Email: _____

Subject and grade taught: _____

Current school: _____

School address: _____

School phone #: _____

We recommend, on a separate piece of paper, but not mandatory, please describe (type or print) why you feel your nominee should be selected for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, then sign the nomination statement.

Submit nomination materials to your local VFW Post. Visit vfw.org/Find-a-Post for locations.

DO NOT send to VFW National Headquarters.

Person Nominating Teacher

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date submitted: _____

Signature: _____

Deadline: Submit to local VFW Post by October 31.

Identify and recognize
America's best educators.
Wouldn't you like to see them
get the honor they deserve?

Now you can.



For more information,
contact your local VFW Post
or its Auxiliary or visit our
website at vfw.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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Kansas City, MO 64111
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Local VFW Post Information



**SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL
CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION
TEACHER AWARD
Grades K-12**





Recognize teachers who care about America

VFW Cares About Education

Founded in 1899, the VFW highly supports the education of America's youth. VFW and its Auxiliary have developed a slate of programs dedicated to helping America's educators. VFW Citizenship Education programs stimulate interest in America's history, traditions, Americanism, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

VFW wants to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students. It offers cash awards, commemorative plaques and all-expenses-paid trips to the VFW National Convention for these worthy teachers. The trip provides an opportunity for winners to network with like-minded individuals.

Teachers care deeply about America and its children. They're concerned about the perpetuation of America's noblest traditions and highest ideals. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve? Now you can...

VFW annually recognizes the nation's top classroom elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions effectively.

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. For example, do you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall organizes community volunteer projects? Maybe you know an instructor who invites veterans into the classroom to discuss their military experiences. Perhaps you are familiar with a teacher who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs through special projects. If you know of such a teacher, honor him or her today with the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

How Does the Contest Work?

Based on the nominees submitted, VFW local chapters, called Posts, will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Posts then submit these winners' names and required documents to their District-level judging, who will forward their winners to the Department (or state) level. After judging, each Department then forwards the entries of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest.

Who is Eligible?

All current certified/licensed teachers in grades K-12 are eligible. Previous national VFW winners are ineligible. Nominations can be submitted by themselves, fellow teachers, supervisors, family members or other interested individuals.

Nominate Someone Deserving

Have a teacher in mind? Complete the nomination form and see below for additional recommended documentation, then submit it to your local VFW Post. The investment that a teacher makes in today's youth will be the dividends we will all reap from future leaders.

How are Teachers Nominated?

Fill out the nomination form contained in this brochure. In addition, we recommend, on a separate piece of paper, but not mandatory, describe why you feel your nominee should be selected. Describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his or her dedication to education. Please submit your completed nomination form signed, along with the recommended letter, to your local VFW Post. Visit vfw.org/Find-a-Post for Post locations or call VFW Programs Department at 816.756.3390 ext. 6287 to find the Post nearest you.

All Post-level nominees should provide a one-page resume as a minimum or up to five pages as a maximum of documentation of their teaching experience (for example: references, news articles, etc.) and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves. These items will be forwarded on to the District with the Post Teacher Entry form.

When is the Deadline?

Nominations must be submitted to your local Post by October 31. Judging occurs November 1-15.

What are the National Awards?

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards include the items below:

- A national \$1,000 Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award for each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses.
- \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school.
- Plaques for both the winning teacher and school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend the VFW National Convention.
- Top 10 high school teachers invitation to attend a summer Graduate Seminar at Freedoms Foundation in Pennsylvania.

NOTE: Winners will receive a 1099-MISC as a result of their award and all-expenses paid trip.



VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Greetings VFW Auxiliary members,

It has been one heck of a year with this Pandemic we are living. We are learning a lot about ourselves and each other. We have to make sure and stay safe. Please wear masks and wash your hands often. Being kind goes a long way.

The Department Mid-Summer School of Instruction is August 7-9 in Russell, KS. All members are welcome. This will be available via ZOOM. Check your Sunflower Express for more information.

District 2 School of Instruction will be September 12th at 10:00 am. Post 1980 located at: 932 Graphic Arts Rd, Emporia, KS

If you know anyone who would like to be part of the VFW Auxiliary, let Maribeth Fischbach or I know and we will get the application to you. The new year has started, and your membership renewal is now due. If you haven't done so, please send in your remittance. When an auxiliary reach 100%, we get awards! Let's reach this goal early. Think about life memberships also. Any changes of address, emails or phone numbers can be directed to Maribeth at mbf1923@gmail.com or 913-620-0913.

Respectfully

Kimberly Keane
VFW Auxiliary President
913-709-3639
keane.kim@gmail.com



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National Chaplain



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National Conductress



[Lois Callahan](#)

National Guard





AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407



Greetings Legionnaires

At this writing our country is in a war against the Corona-19 virus. I pray that you and your family are all healthy as we continue this fight.

Thank you all for the fine job on membership 2019, we achieved our goal and more with 103.4%. We now kick off our 2020 Membership Drive. We expect to keep up the good work to achieve 100% again this year. Please mail in your dues ASAP and look for a new member to join our ranks in 2020.

I'M ONE, I'LL GET ONE

Regular Monthly Meetings:

August 8-17-2020 Monday @ 7:00 PM
September 9-21-2020 Monday @ 7:00 PM

FISH AND CHICKEN DINNERS ----- ARE SUSPENDED UNTILL FUTHUR NOTICE DUE TO CORONA-19 RESTRICTIONS

To help offset our loss of income from our dinners we plan to do some fund raising by having a couple Drive-Thru pick-ups for SMOKED RIB'S. More information will be covered in this newsletter about the dates and times. We will appreciate your participation.

CANCELLED EVENTS:

Boys State
Cadet Law
Leadership College
Baseball
Kansas Start Fair
Camp O Rama

Continue to support your American Legion we will beat this virus and get things back to normal. We need to continue our important programs for our veterans and families.

Thank you for your service.

Charile Grieco,
Commander
American Legion
913-208-8734
cpg@everestkc.net





Michael L White Gravesite
Memorial Day Ceremony
Ralph Schneider & Corey Hunt



Labor-day weekend, the American Legion will be offering **Ribs** out the door. Spare Ribs per slab will be \$18, 2 slabs for \$35, smoked with tender loving care. Pick-up dates are Saturday, August 29th and Sunday, August 30th, from 12:00 – 6:00.

Please call your order in by Wednesday, August 26th to 913-492-2244. As the Pitmasters need a count.

Ralph Schneider
Pit Master





American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

Legion Members,

As everyone is aware, this has been an unparalleled year which has certainly affected our usual activities with cancellations or rescheduling which will probably continue for some time. Most of the Legion activities have been cancelled as well including the National Convention. The decision was made to cancel the Kansas American Legion Auxiliary Convention which results in all the state officers remaining in place for 2020/2021. Our usual fund raisers have not been held which will limit what we will be able to do the rest of the year.

At present we are planning to have a Reuben Sandwich and chips dinner for \$5.00 on September 10th from 5-6 pm. Curbside service will be available. At present a Chief's game is scheduled for that day.

Should anyone have ideas on future projects, please do not hesitate to let me or an officer know.

As a reminder, thank you for submitting the 2021 Membership renewals of \$24.

To you and your families, please be safe and stay well!

Pat Willcox,
American Legion Auxiliary President





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

American Legion Riders

While the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has disrupted numerous activities, the Riders continue to participate in those activities that we can.

On June 20th we did the Dam Fun run with lunch at Johnny's in Lawrence, July 28th saw many of the group ride to Holton for lunch at the Trails Cafe. We had 10 riders from ALR 407 participate in a ride on, July 16th honoring the 100th birthday of Mike Katzman, an Air Force veteran of World War I, at the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park

The Riders have scheduled rides for August 22nd to Chicken Annie's in Pittsburg and September 19th to Atchison with lunch at Buller's.

Our ride donation is \$10.00 per person (rider, passenger or cage). KSU usually occur at 10am the morning of the ride; more details will be sent out closer to the day of the ride.

Our monthly reoccurring activity schedule is: the 2nd Thursday is our meeting night at 7pm; the 2nd Sunday is normally our ALR Breakfast, however buffet breakfasts are not permitted in the current environment. We continue to explore alternatives.

The 4th Tuesday of each month is usually our Dine Out, 6p – 8p at selected restaurants. Our schedule has been altered due to no groups at some of our regular establishments have no dine out or are not taking groups.

On July 28th we had 19 participate in dine out at the Hereford House. Great food and fellowship.

On September 20th 9-4 our fellow ALR Chapter 370 will have their annual "Ride to Remember".

The last Thursday of the month the Riders normally attend an End of Month (EOM) ceremony at Leavenworth National Cemetery to honor our brothers & sisters that have passed away since last ceremony. The National Cemetery is still not allowing group activity but is allowing support for some funerals. We invite anyone to join us at this honor ceremony when this event resumes; we send out notice of staging & KSU location & times.

Enjoy the upcoming summer months and stay safe in your travels and activities.

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GREETINGS FROM THE CLUB ROOM

Hello Members,

The clubroom is so happy to be back in operation. Thank you all for your continued support. Hand sanitizer is provided at the door please use before entering.

Taco Tuesday will return on August 4th, from 5:00 – 7: 00, however, you will place your order with the bartender of what you would like, for example 3 tacos, cheese, tomatoes, etc., and we will prepare them for you. There will be an order form for you to fill out.



Friday August 21st the clubroom will be hosting a Goodfellas style dinner, Italian rope sausage with cherry tomatoes, garlic and basil with rhubarb strawberry tart served 6-7 pm for \$8.00.



September 10th, join us in the clubroom for bucket specials. Cheer on the returning Superbowl champions.



The canteen will be starting an ongoing fundraiser until the end of October. Which Commander or Past Commanders of the post would you like to see dress up as a Lady? Cans will be put out with the Commanders pictures on them, put money in their can. The top three money making cans will be pulled a week before Halloween and those 3 men will dress like a woman, with the help of the bartenders. We will make them pretty as they can be. The lucky guys that get to become gals will show off their look at the Halloween party this year.



Halloween will be a special red white and blue theme this year. Prizes for most (red, white and blue), best (Historical American figure), and most (Patriotic). We hope to see you all join in the fun and we will see you in the clubroom.














Thanks for your support

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August 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Tacos Return 5-7pm 	5 MCL Meeting 7pm 	6 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm	7	8
9	10	11 Tacos 5-7pm 	12	13 ALR Meeting 7 pm 	14 Drive Through Steak Night 6-7 	15
16	17 American Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	18 Tacos 5-7pm 	19 MCL Meeting 7pm 	20 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	21 Clubroom Italian Dinner 6-7pm 	22
23	24	25 Tacos 5-7pm 	26	27	28 Drive Through Steak Dinner 6-7pm 	29 Rib Pick-up 12-6 
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5-CARD STUD EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

September 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Tacos 5-7pm 	2 MCL Meeting 7pm	3 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 Tacos 5-7pm 	9	10 ALR Meetings 7pm Bucket Special Rueben Sandwiches 	11 Drive Through Steak Night 6-7 	12
13	14	15 Tacos 5-7pm 	16 MCL Meeting 7pm	17 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	18 POW/MIA Recognition Day	19
20	21 American Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm  <small>1927 American Legion Auxiliary Post National President Adrian Macdonald (1920-1927) and other ALA members walk in The American Legion Parade in Paris, France.</small>	22 Tacos 5-7pm 	23	24	25 Drive Through Steak Night 6-7 pm 	26
27	28	29 Tacos 5-7pm 	30			

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